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SUBJECT: LOCUST INVASION - OICMA REQUEST TO FRENCH FOR
ASSISTANCE.

FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM OICMA FOR ASSISTANCE
SIMILAR PROPOSED TO USG AND OTHER DONORS. NO FRENCH
POSITION CAN BE FORMULATED UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS MAY 19,
BUT FOLLOWING IS SYNTHESIS OF CURRENT THINKING RESPONSIB-
LE FAC OFFICIALS:

1. ORGANIZATION: TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE

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TRADITIONALLY DIVIDED RESPONSABILITY, OICMA WHICH COVERS

BOTH ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, AND OCLALAV WHICH HAS WORKED EXCLUSIVELY IN FRANCOPHONE AREA, AND WHICH FRENCH HAVE SUPPORTED FOR NUMBER OF YEARS. FRENCH WOULD PREFER TO SEE AID CHANNELED THROUGH OCLALAV, LEAVING TO TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO REPARTITION TASK AND SUPPORT;

2. APPRAISAL OF SITUATION: FRENCH HAVE NO INTENTION UNDERTAKE INDEPENDENT APPRAISAL OF SITUATION AND WILL ONLY RELY ON INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER DONORS TO DEFINE PROBLEM, PROPOSE APPROACH AND INDICATE NEEDS;

3. FRENCH ASSISTANCE, IF ANY (FRENCH ARE AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING), WOULD BE LIMITED FOR PRESENT TO FINANCING PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES, SUCH AS INSECTICIDES. THEY HAVE NO RPT NO INTENTION FINANCE AIRCRAFT THIS YEAR. FOR LONGER TERM FINANCING IN FUTURE, WOULD NOT RULE OUT BROADER PARTICIPATION. FRENCH HAVE NOT EXCLUDED POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EG. PILOTS, SHOULD SPECIFIC REQUEST BE MADE, BUT HAVE NO CURRENT PLANS TO OFFER OTHER THAN COMMODITY SUPPORT.
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